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REMARKS

In response to the Advisory Action mailed on November 17, 2008, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks to expedite prosecution of the present application to allowance.

Claims 1-10, 13-24, 27-28, and 30-31 are now pending in this application. Claims 11, 12, 25, and 26 are canceled. Claims 1, 13, 15, 27, 30, and 31 are amended. In the current Office Action, the examiner indicated allowable subject matter. Namely, that claims 8-10, 12, 13, 22-24, 26 and 27 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The amendments to the claims bring allowable subject matter to all of the independent claims. Specifically, claim 1 now includes all of the limitations of claim 12, and intervening claim 11. Claim 15 now includes all of the limitations of claim 26, and intervening claim 25. Independent claims 30 and 31 already included all of the limitations of claim 1, and are now amended to include all of the limitations of claims 11 and 12. Claims 13 and 27 were amended to correct dependency as a result of claims 11-12 and 25-26 being canceled. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 15, 30, and 31 are now in condition for allowance, and all of the pending dependent claims are allowable by virtue of dependency. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely notice of allowance be issued for the pending claims.

Applicants hereby petitions for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3735.

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